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Situation Report No. 114  
Lebanon Situation as of 0600 EDT, July 28, 1982

**Military Situation:** West Beirut is generally quiet today, July 28, except for some sporadic tank and artillery rounds. Official Radio Lebanon and UPI report there were numerous casualties and heavy material damage from the bombing and shelling of the previous day, July 27.

As of mid-morning (local) July 28, water and power remained cut-off to West Beirut.

**Diplomatic Situation:** Ambassador Habib is returning to Lebanon from Tel Aviv today, July 28 following his tour of the Middle East and Europe in an attempt to arrange the PLO's withdrawal from West Beirut.

According to Voice of Palestine Radio, PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat has sent messages to Leonid Brezhnev, Fidel Castro, Francois Mitterand and King Fahd asking them "to move quickly and at all international levels to put an end to the Israeli-U.S. war of annihilation against the innocent civilians in Western Beirut."

Reuters reports that Lebanon's U.N. Ambassador Ghassan Tuani sent a letter to the U.N. Security Council on July 27 warning of the "serious situation developing as a result of Israel's escalation of hostilities", and accusing Israel of conducting a "real war of attrition."

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